

## Morning Prayer for Easter Day

Sunday 17 April 2022 at 9.30 (call in from 9.15)

### *Greeting*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*All* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All* **He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

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**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### *Opening Prayer*

*All* **Faithful One, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *Prayer of Penitence*

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

*All* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

*All* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

*All* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

*Absolution*

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Collect*

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Word of God*

*Acts 10:34-43*

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them:

“I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Easter Psalm*

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:  
there is no end to his greatness.

*All* **One generation shall praise your works to another,  
and shall declare your power.**

All creation praises you, Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you.

**All They declare the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your mighty power.**

My mouth shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

**All Let every living thing bless his holy name  
for ever and ever.**

**All Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
world without end.  
Amen.**

*Cf. Psalm 145: 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 21*

*Luke 24: 1-12*

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup>'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words.

<sup>9</sup> When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. <sup>12</sup> Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Reflection*

*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All* **Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

Father, we praise you for the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ from the dead.

Shed his glorious light on all Christian people, that we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

Jesus, Lord of life:

**in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for those who at this season are receiving in baptism your Son's new life by water and the Spirit.

Dying with Christ, may they know the power of his resurrection.

Jesus, Lord of life:

**in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for all whom we know and love, both near and far.

May their eyes be opened to see the glory of the risen Lord.

Jesus, Lord of life:

**in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for all who suffer pain and anguish, and who stand in need of your strength and healing today, especially ...

Bring them your healing, and fill them with your peace.

Jesus, Lord of life:

**in your mercy, hear us.**

We remember before you all who have died in the hope of resurrection, especially ...

Unite us with them in your undying love.

Jesus, Lord of life:

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved mankind:  
grant that, by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
and rose again on the third day,  
we may triumph in the power of his victory.  
Jesus, Lord of life:  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

*All* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Gloria in Excelsis*

*All* **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:**

have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*All* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

*All* **He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

*All* **He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

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*All* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### *The Blessing*

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

*All* **Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

*All* **Amen.**



God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

*All* **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you and remain  
with you this day and always.

*All* **Amen.**

*Sending out*

*All* **God of our salvation,  
you have restored us to life,  
and by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ  
you have brought us back again into your love.  
Continue to heal us,  
as we go to live and work  
in the power of your Spirit,  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

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## **What's On This Week**

### **Wednesday 20 April at 10.30: Coffee Morning**

I am looking forward to seeing you at the coffee morning this week.

### **Exe Valley Soup Kitchen**

Everyone is very welcome to join Claire for a bread and soup lunch on Thursday 21 April, between 12.30-2.30 at Claire's house. Please ring Claire if you would like to attend, and if you need transport.

### **Giving**

To give to the Exe Valley Mission Community by BACS, please use account number 54731690 and sort code 60-21-27. Please use the reference *EVMC services*.

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